

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please rewrite [0013] of United States Published Application No. 2004/0199255 as follows:

[0013] Furthermore, the prosthesis is produced preferably from an elastic material, so that the central piece can be elastically deformed radially. Preferably the central portion of the prosthesis is capable of deforming from about 10% to about 50%, more preferably from about 15% to about 50% relative to its unstressed diameter. A sufficient radial, elastic deformability can be achieved by producing the prosthesis from a plastic or by producing the central piece with cogs, which can be deformed radially and elastically.